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## Spring Forward

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Set Your Clocks Ahead 1 HOUR --

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018



### POSITION CHANGES AT DISTRICT OFFICE

Shawnee Valley District would like to congratulate Roberta Eddy on accepting a new ministry endeavor beginning April 1, 2018. We will share more details at a future date. Diana Hall, current District Treasurer, will take over Roberta's duties as Administrative Assistant beginning April 2.

You can send notes of congratulations and best wishes to Roberta at [reddy@wocumc.org](mailto:reddy@wocumc.org).

With that being said, the District is in search of a **Part-time District Financial Coordinator**.

#### JOB DESCRIPTION

If interested in applying for this position, please mail your resume and references to Rev. Brent Watson, 573 E Main Street, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601 or you may email the information to [bwatson@wocumc.org](mailto:bwatson@wocumc.org)



**Deadline for applications is March 23,  
interviews will be conducted the following week and job will begin April 2.**

### WINTER SHV MINISTRY SESSIONS TO FOCUS ON COMMUNITY MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Sessions are planned from 10 a.m. to Noon followed by a complimentary lunch. Anyone may attend these events. Plan on joining us and bring a friend!

- **March 13** will focus on Veteran & Military Ministries. Chaplain Joseph White will speak. [FLIER](#)
- **April 10** will focus on Ministries for the Aging.



Details can be found on our website [HERE](#)

### DISTRICT INVITES FAMILIES TO PARTICIPATE IN FUN EVENTS

In order to get to know members of our fellow congregations in the Shawnee Valley District, our District Superintendent is inviting anyone to participate in the following activities.

**Outdoor Enthusiasts Group:** Many of our folks enjoy hiking, kayaking and other outdoor activities. The intention is to enjoy the great outdoors, interact with fellow enthusiasts and meet new friends. The first opportunity to join us will be **Saturday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m.** at [The Edge of Appalachia Preserve near West Union.](#) Plan to join the D.S. and others. [CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS.](#)



**District Spring Picnic and Pre-Annual Conference Briefing:** Plan to join us again at StillWater Conference Centre near Chillicothe for an afternoon of visiting, worship and information about Annual Conference. Reservations will be required for a meal; more details to come. **May 13, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Family Fun Day:** Last year, we planned a weekend outing for pastors and their families at Great Wolf Lodge at a deeply discounted price. It was ultimately opened to any family in the district. This summer, we have reserved a block of rooms at Shawnee State Park Lodge near Portsmouth for anyone in the district. Campsites will also be available, but cannot be reserved as a block. Check in will be **Friday, June 15** with a campfire, s'mores and singing. Saturday morning there will be a complimentary breakfast and the opportunity to explore the trails and lakes within the park. Watch for more details.



### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PASTORS WHO SERVE SMALLER CHURCHES

Two sessions have been scheduled in 2018 to provide insight to those who serve smaller churches in our district. These are two-hour sessions led by clergy in the Shawnee Valley District.

- **April 7** - "Marriage Preparation & Wedding Ceremonies". Rev. Brent Watson will lead this session. RSVP to the District Office.



[DETAILS](#)

### FRESH EXPRESSIONS VISION DAYS

#### What is Fresh Expressions?

Fresh Expressions is a movement that is cultivating new forms of church alongside existing congregations in order to reach a changing world. Begun in England 10 years ago, it has resulted in the birth of over 2,500 new communities in the UK alone. Fresh Expressions has spread to Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and is also taking shape in the US.

At its heart, Fresh Expressions is about empowering and equipping God's people to develop creative expressions of church that can reach the increasing diversity of our society.

#### What is Vision Day?

Vision Day is a great way to discover more about Fresh Expressions. In an interactive format, you will have the chance to:

- Hear how Fresh Expressions is renewing the church
- Talk about the development of Fresh Expressions US
- Learn more about the Mission-Shaped Church
- Discover tools to start Fresh Expressions in your area

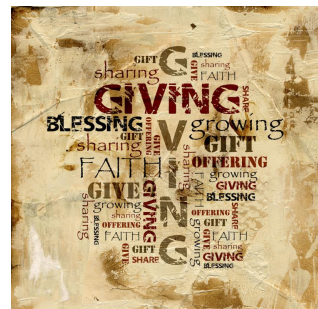
**VISION DAY IN SOUTHEAST OHIO IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 12 AT CHRIST UMC, JACKSON.** [PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)



VISION DAY  
FRESH EXPRESSIONS

### SUMMARIES OF DISTRICT CONNECTIONAL GIVING

Thank you to all of our churches for being faithful in their commitments to both the West Ohio Conference and the Shawnee Valley District. In 2017, every church in our district paid 100% of their District Connectional Giving. Our churches were able to pay 78% of what was asked of the West Ohio Conference. Every dollar makes a difference somewhere! Thank you for your continued focus on the missions and ministries of our district and conference!



[Summary of how Shawnee Valley District Funds were used through West Ohio Conference Giving](#)

[Summary of how our District Funds were returned to District Missions & Ministries](#)

### KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The [Kairos](#) Prison Ministry is constantly in search of United Methodist men and

women who hear God's call to serve Christ to those incarcerated in Ohio's institutions. The Kairos Prison Ministry of Ohio has speakers available to visit your church. They will bring a short presentation of this important Christian mission outreach. The West Ohio Conference and Shawnee Valley District are both strongly committed to serving those whose lives and the lives of their families have been affected by incarceration.



**For more information contact Gary Hopkins, District Prison Ministry Coordinator at 937-546-7446.**

### MINISTRY NEWS FROM OUR VIETNAM MISSIONARIES

[Ut and Karen To Retirement](#)

[New Year Letter from Quynh-Hoa Nguyen](#)



### DISASTER RESPONSE OPPORTUNITIES

- [UMCOR Sunday - March 11](#)
- [Flood Buckets](#) - Our supplies were depleted with the Hurricanes and we are restocking and distributing to Ohio River flood survivors.
- [Mission Team to Nicaragua](#)
- **Places to serve** - There are opportunities for weekends close by or for longer trips far away. Contact Diana Hall, District Disaster Coordinator for details.
- **Want to join or lead a team?** We can help you! Contact Diana Hall, District Disaster Coordinator for details.



### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE WEST OHIO CONFERENCE

March 3 - [Town & Rural Resource Program Training](#)

March 8 - [Clergy Day Apart](#)

[2018 Spring Traction Tracks](#)

[UM Historical Society Convocation April 21](#)

### CHURCHES TO PRAY FOR THIS MONTH

- **Week of March 4, 2018**
  - Wheelersburg UMC, Pastor Perry Prosch
- **Week of March 11, 2018**
  - Winchester UMC, Pastor Greg Roberts
- **Week of March 18, 2018**
  - Aberdeen UMC, Pastor Carol Harper
- **Week of March 25, 2018**
  - Alma UMC, Pastor Keith Richardson
- **Week of April 1, 2018**
  - Andersonville UMC, Pastor Jim Steele

### HAVE A WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE OR LIVESTREAM? LET US KNOW!

We trying to compile a list of which churches have websites, Facebook pages and livestreams. If you have a page, we'd like to list them on our district website. It's a good resource for other churches to see ideas from others. We will compile a list as we receive information.

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